



**THE NBFSC IS PLEASED TO WELCOME DON WHEATON FROM THE MIRAMICHI SNOW GOERS CLUB TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE NBFSC.**

**DON WAS BORN IN JUNE 1943 IN POINTE DE BUTE (JUST OUTSIDE SACKVILLE) NEW BRUNSWICK AND JOINED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF CANADA SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL. HIS CAREER WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE SPANNED 34 YEARS WHERE HE HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK, NOVA SCOTIA, OTTAWA AND SASKATCHEWAN UNTIL RETURNING "HOME" IN 1986. HIS LAST POSTING WAS THAT OF WARDEN OF ATLANTIC CANADA'S ONLY FEDERAL MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IN RENOUS, NB FROM WHICH HE RETIRED IN 1994.**

**HE BOUGHT HIS FIRST SNOWMOBILE IN 1965, AN OMC SNOWCRUISER WIDETRACK. HE SNOWMOBILED IN ONTARIO AND SASKATCHEWAN IN THE 60'S AND 70'S BUT CAREER AND FAMILY TOOK OVER AS PRIORITY AND HE DIDN'T RETURN TO THE SPORT UNTIL RETIREMENT IN 1994 AND GOT HIS FIRST TASTE OF GROOMED TRAILS.**

**HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MIRAMICHI SNOW-GOERS CLUB 22 IN 1999, A POSITION HE STILL HOLDS AT PRESENT. HE HAS SEEN MANY CHANGES IN THE SPORT OVER THOSE 12 YEARS WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, ONLY STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE THE ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDE A TOP-NOTCH WINTER TOURISM PRODUCT.**

**DON AND HIS WIFE KAREN OWN AND OPERATE A SMALL BUSINESS - MIRAMICHI PAINT & DECOR - IN MIRAMICHI AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN, STEPHANIE AND MICHAEL. HE HAS TWO OTHER CHILDREN BY A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE.**

**DON IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK FOR THE SPORT OF SNOWMOBILING AT THE FEDERATION LEVEL.**